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GERMAN PROPOSALS REJECTED.

SUMS TOO SMALL.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, May 3.

The Cabinet has decided that the German proposals are not acceptable owing to the conditions laid down therein and the absence of guarantees; also owing to the insufficiency of the sums offered.

EXCHANGES DEPRESSED.

LONDON, May 3.

The German proposals have depressed the foreign exchange market which finished a little steadier. Marks slumped to between 180,000 and 185,000 and closed between 174,000 and 178,000. French francs were finally quoted at 69 and 75; Belgian at 80 and 65.

ABOVE ALL.

The draft of the French reply to the German note, which had been despatched to Brussels, declares that the offer is not acceptable, above all owing to Herr Cuno's preliminary condition for negotiations, namely evacuation.

The reply declares that the Allies intend to keep the pledge, which after three years' fruitless patience they have seen fit to take, and points out that the offer gives no definite guarantee of Germany's good faith.

The Government to-morrow will communicate the text to London and Rome.

AERIAL MENACE.

LIMITATION CONFERENCE WANTED.

BRITAIN READY.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, following a question dealing with the relative strengths of the air fleets of Britain, France, Italy and the United States, Mr. P. A. Harris (Labour) asked whether the Government considered calling a conference for the limitation of air forces on the same lines as the Washington conference.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, replied: Yes. A proposal of that kind has always been in my mind.

CHESTER CLAIMS.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

FRANCE'S RIGHTS.

PARIS, May 3.

The *Petit Parisien's* Lausanne correspondent reports that Mr. Crew, the American observer at the conference, told General Pelle the United States Government would not uphold the Chester claim to the Samsun-Sivas line and that while maintaining the principle of the open door, it considers the rights acquired by France in 1914 cannot be discussed.

[Samsun, a Black Sea port in the Trebizond vilayet, exports tobacco, grain, etc. Formerly it was a flourishing Greek settlement. Sivas is the capital of the vilayet of the same name. The vilayet, 32,300 sq. miles, has a population of 1,000,000. Rich in minerals, it has also a very fertile grain-growing soil, orchard, vineyards, and timber forests. Admiral Chester secured a big concession for an American syndicate.]

£1,000 GOLF CONTEST.

KEEN COMPETITION SEEN.

LONDON, May 3.

Ted Ray (Oxhey), has won the *Daily Mail* £1,000 golf tournament at St. Annes. He did 72 holes with an aggregate of 288. Len Holland (Northampton) and Abe Mitchell (North Foreland) tied for second place with 289 strokes. Duncan with 290 was third.

AMERICAN SUCCESSES.

The visiting American golfers scored a decisive victory for the St. George's cup at Sandwich, Dr. Willing and Mr. Francis Ouimet tying for first place with 153. The American skipper, Gardner played 154. There was a record entry of 121, including the leading English amateurs, six of whom tied for fourth place with 157. Dr. Willing and Mr. Ouimet play an 18-hole decider to-morrow.

SHOOTING SENSATION.

EUROPEAN SERGEANT WOUNDED.

When searching suspects in Des Voeux Road after an armed robbery at about 10.15 p.m. last night, Sergeant Doves was fired at from almost point-blank range; the bullet striking the left side of his neck and passing through, narrowly missing the jugular vein. His assailant must have got very close as there are powder-burns near the wound. After being wounded, Sergeant Doves returned the fire but it is not believed that any of the de-

peradoes were hit. He was subsequently taken to the Government Civil Hospital and this morning was progressing favourably. A number of men had entered a house in Shing Wong Street and had driven the occupants into one room. Undaunted by the threatening attitude of the robbers, the master went to the window and shouted "Robbery" in Chinese. This caused the robbers to decamp but in doing so one of them struck the master on the head with the butt end of his revolver. Nothing of value was taken. Plain-clothes and uniformed officers were immediately despatched to the scene of the robbery and the

IRAQ GOES AHEAD.

BRITISH TENURE ENDING SOONER.

TREATY PROTOCOL SIGNED.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 3.

A more definite statement than usual regarding the British tenure of Iraq was made by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons.

In reply to questions he announced that on account of the Iraq Government's substantial strides in the path of independent and stable existence since the treaty was signed with King Feisal last year, both parties had now signed a protocol terminating the treaty upon Iraq's entry into the League of Nations, or anyway not later than four years from the ratification of peace with Turkey.

REMARKABLE AVIATION.

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT.

SAN DIEGO, May 3.

The latest remarkable feat of continuous trans-Continental flight has been achieved by Lieutenants Macready and Kelly who have just arrived in a monoplane from Hempstead, New York.

[Lieutenants Macready and Kelly recently made a new world record for sustained flying, remaining aloft in a Fokker monoplane, continuously for 2,165 minutes, twenty seconds, covering 2,541 miles. San Diego is a town on the Pacific Coast, California, well-known as a winter health resort.]

GIVEN UP FOR LOST.

MISSING BOAT TRAGEDY.

CAPETOWN, May 3.

Twelve passengers of the "Mossamedes," including the Englishmen Vane and Spring, are now presumed to be dead.

[The Portuguese mail steamer "Mossamedes" was found stranded on Cape Frio, Portuguese West Africa, her boats missing, with the 237 souls aboard including 29 women and 35 children. A heavy sea was running at the time. Three of the boats later reached port safely but one was not seen again after dipping below a heavy wave. As she went down a man in the bows was seen signalling frantically but unintelligibly.]

PERILS OF WEALTH.

ASSYRIAN THREATENS MILLIONAIRE.

ARRESTED WITH STILETTO.

NEW YORK, May 3.

An Assyrian silk-worker, named Murad, armed with a stiletto, was arrested in front of the residence of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whose life he had threatened. Rockefeller was not injured.

[Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. is the son of the world's richest man who built up the huge Standard Oil Company. Mr. John D. Rockefeller visited Hongkong in the course of a tour of the Far East.]

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Sydney, May 3.

Anderson has unconditionally agreed to join the Davis team.

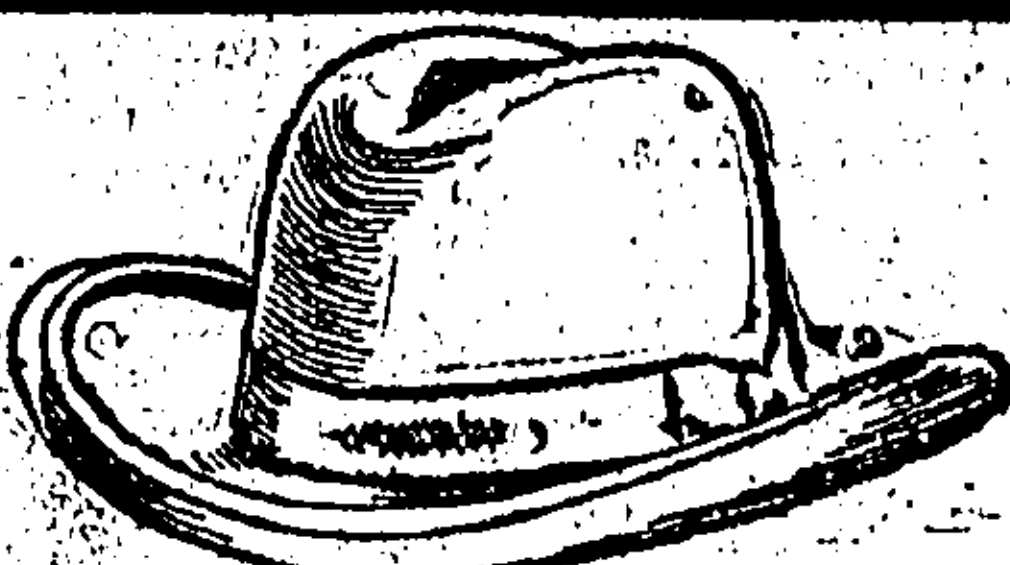
[Anderson, the well-known Australian tennis player, had declined to join the Davis Cup tennis team because he could not get away from business. A public subscription was opened to provide a substitute but he still refused to go, saying the expense was entirely a matter for the Lawn Tennis Club.]

TRIUMPHAL PROGRESS.

POLES FETE MARSHAL FOCH.

WARSAW, May 3.

Marshal Foch who has arrived to attend the Polish national fete had a triumphal progress from the frontier where he received the rank of Polish marshal. He drove through decorated and flower-strewn streets lined with cheering crowds from the station to the Premier's residence.



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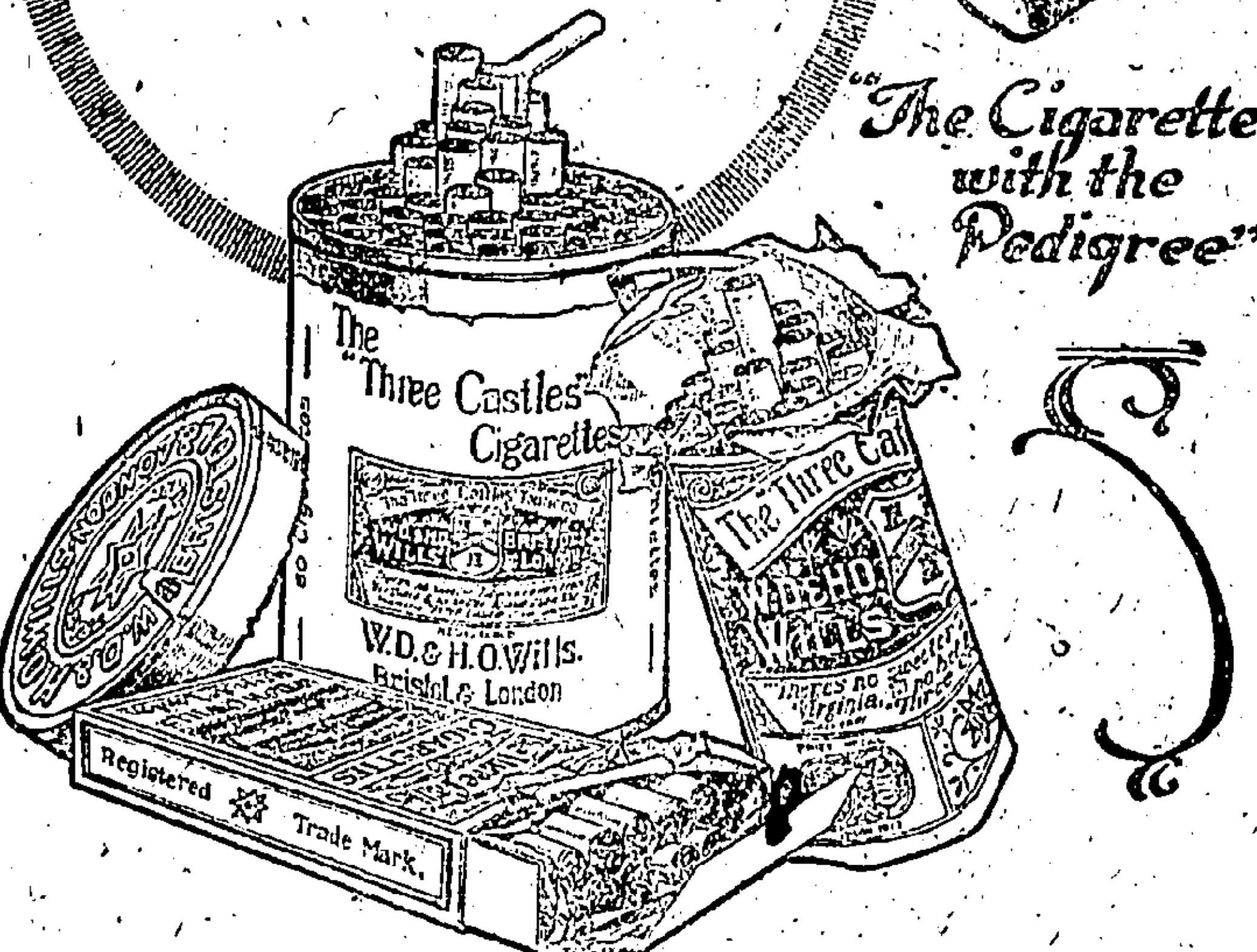
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torian fashion, sits in one of the
square windows gazing out into the
streets. When it grows dark, she
sits on while the room is brilliantly
lighted. Fifty years ago, she thus
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through an accident. Yet she still
waits.

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Herald*. Will certain mysterious
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Mexico prove the key that will lead
to the location of the buried treas-
ure? A man who has searched for
quarters of a century and expended
much of his own treasure thinks he
has reached a solution. He has
enlisted the aid of a London pro-
fessor, who is an expert in the
Aztec language, while capital has
also been obtained from several
speculators, who will put money
into any scheme provided it looks
good. Investigation has proved
that in the vicinity of the spot
where the excavators are working
the fear of the Spaniards caused
the Indians to bury an immense
collection of treasure—gold and
precious stones. It is said that the
directions to lay bare the cache
were engraved upon the wall of the
cliff, and these have now been un-
covered by a recent storm.

Japanese Suffragettes.

The women's suffrage movement
in Japan appears likely to lead to
a conflict such as there was in Eng-
land before the war, says the *Japan
Chronicle*, recently. It is reported
that at a meeting of the Women's
Suffrage Union held in Tokyo on
March 14, there was an audience
of 500 persons, more than three
quarters of whom, however, were
men, despite the fact that it had
been decided not to admit men.
Apparently the men rushing to the
hall, though for what reason, un-
less to create a disturbance, is
obscure. At any rate they effect-
ually kept the speakers from being
heard and finally the meeting was
broken up by two men jumping on
the platform and endeavouring to
address the audience. The police
pulled them down, but the meet-
ing had been thrown into such
disorder that it had to be dissolved.
The high respect in which women
are held in Japan apparently causes
anxiety when they endeavour to
enter into politics.

Superstition.

Students of Egyptology and the
superstitions will wag their heads
with a satisfied "I told you so!"
over the curiously sudden illness
of Lord Carnarvon, says the
Glasgow Herald. Of course, every
native in Cairo and Luxor—to say
nothing of many educated persons
who have studied the subject—
have had an uneasy feeling that
there "must be something queer
about disturbing the tombs of these
dead Theban kings. Mummies
have always gathered a thick crop
of dark lore around their shrivelled
frames, and one of the most pic-
tureque is the "death-circle." The
idea is that the opening of a tomb
starts a chain of evil that culmin-
ates in the death of a certain num-
ber of people who have had a hand
in the sacrilege, and until this is
completed the mysterious deaths
continue. I know a very learned
Professor of Egyptology, and he
tells me some curious stories of the
tragedies that he knows have fol-
lowed the taking of mummies from
tombs. In the British Museum is a
mummy which is said to be
especially malignant.

Indecency in Music-Halls.

The French Government has
decided to put a stop to the licen-
tiousness which has recently been
much in evidence in spectacles
presented at certain Parisian
music-halls, and measures for the
suppression of this kind of
obscenity were drafted at a
Council of Ministers, says
the *Daily Telegraph*. To begin
with, proceedings are to be taken
against one music-hall, not yet
named, at which the performance
includes a number of particularly
objectionable scenes. There has
for some time been a demand here
among critics for a return to the
traditions of the period when pro-
ducers of music-hall spectacles
took pride in dressing a show.
In some present-day revues
the tendency has been towards
very bold undressing,
costumes having been whittled
down until they represent little
more concession to the modesty of
performers and spectators than the
mere fig-leaf of tradition. Only
recently M. Joseph Galtier,
writing in the *Comedie*, declared
that an outstanding and most
undesirable feature of Paris music-
halls just now was the wave of
feminine nudity, which in some
cases had even overflowed from its
stage into the auditorium. This
had reference to an establishment
in which a platform had been built
out over the orchestra, along which
from time to time inadequately
dressed performers paraded. "We
do not wish to say," he said, "that
the time when absolute nakedness
will figure on our stages." The
decision of the Council of Minis-
ters has been a time as previous
what certainly had begun to look
as more than a bare possibility.

Mistakes We All Make.

It is curious how many common
things are wrongly named,
observes *Everyday Science*. For in-
stance:—A lead pencil has no lead
in it. Kid gloves are not now made
from kids, but usually from sheep-
skin. Cat-gut is not made from
any part of a cat. There is no wax
in sealing wax; it is made from
shellac, turpentine, and cinnabar.
Camel's hair brushes are never
made from the hair of the
camel. As a general rule the hair
of squirrels is used. The whale is
not a fish, but a warm-blooded
mammal which suckles its young
like a cow. Fishes are cold-blooded
and lay eggs. Why you see com-
ing from a boiling kettle is not
steam, but condensed moisture.
Steam is invisible. Silk-worms are
not worms; they are just the cater-
pillar stage of a moth. Lightning
never comes in zig-zag form as is
commonly shown in pictures. The
forked tongue of the snake is not a
"sting." The poison comes from
the teeth. A cat cannot see better
in the dark than in the light;
although it can see a good deal
better in the dark than we can.

Many-eyed Insects.

In some ways Nature is kinder
to insects than to men (says the
Montreal Witness). Examine a
lamprey or hag fish closely, and
you will find that it possesses, in
addition to a pair of eyes similar
to our own, a third eye at the top
of the head. It resembles the
ichthyosaurus, an extinct whale-
like animal which had an
eye at the top of the skull.
The same peculiarity exists in
some of the lizards, such as the
green variety common in the South
of Europe, and accounts for their
well-known "acute" of sight.
Insects are even more liberally
provided with eyes. In general, they
have two kinds of eyes—simple,
and compound. Simple eyes
are like our own, though less
efficient, while compound eyes are
composed of numerous facets or
lenses. This explains the difficulty
in carrying out the injunction
"Swat that fly!" The eye of "that
fly" has 4,000 facets, and con-
sequently it does not miss much
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CUTTING OFF THEIR NOSES.

France has rejected Germany's offer. That decision, reported in our later cables to-day, surprises nobody. Only this week France made it clear she would not consider any offer until Germany had officially renounced passive resistance. Knowing this full well, Germany yet went out of her way to affirm that passive resistance would continue until the Ruhr was evacuated. Hence even if Germany's offer had been three times better rejection would have been equally certain. Idle is it, therefore, to analyse the figures. Idle is it even to discuss whether France, seeking "security," would accept any offer. The struggle has long since lost its financial aspect and acquired another side vastly more trying, vastly more stubborn. It has resolved itself into a question of national honour and neither party will give way. Germany dare not. Her people seething with anger against the invader, the first sign of weakness would bring down the Government with a crash that would shake the whole social fabric. France, likewise, feels she cannot relent one iota. She has said passive resistance must stop and stop it must. Otherwise she must confess defeat. And that, in her present stubborn mood, she will never face. Were these the only aspects of the wrangle, there would be little enough to choose between the two disputants. Another aspect, however, has now arisen. Germany suggests that the whole sorry business be referred to arbitration, free from all political influence. That offer puts her in a very strong moral position. Just now France will counter this gain as not yet disclosed. League intervention she will not accept. Only last week she plainly stated she would resist any "dangerous questions" like that. Other Wu Pei-fu been in a position to

mediation she will also reject, having already explicitly said that not only would she ignore any neutral soundings, but she would consider "as unfriendly any offer of mediation." Since everything indicates that this attitude remains unshaken, any hopes that Germany's arbitration offer has raised finally disappear. The Ruhr folly will presumably drag out its weary course until disaster overtakes both sides. Unless, of course, the sleeper awakes and compels them to cease their insane pranks. And with Europe tottering, Britain cannot slumber forever.

THE WAR SEASON.

Since the Anfu trouble in Peking in 1918, when Tuan Chi-jui was ousted from office and his satellites took refuge in the Japanese Legation, the peaceful inhabitants of North China always look out for hostilities between the rival War Lords with the advent of the warm weather. This year is no exception. News from Tientsin indicates that the Mukden satrap, Marshal Chang Tso-lin (his former title and honours have been restored to him), is already preparing to lose the dogs of war—presumably with a view to avenging his apparent defeat at the hands of General Wu Pei-fu last summer. We say apparent advisedly; at Fengtai, where Wu Pei-fu is credited with a glorious victory, Chang Tso-lin's commander "turned" traitor and deserted his men. They retired in good order before an enemy which neither day nor later made any attempt to press home the so-called victory. Chang Tso-lin, in common parlance, was "sold a pup." His friends inside the walls of Peking, at the last moment went back on their pledged word—possibly they were forced to do so—while at least one general in the field proved a traitor. We do not for a moment infer that the Mukden War Lord had justice on his side—far from it. What we would emphasize is the fact that Wu Pei-fu merely won a paper victory. Had he merely won a paper victory, had

press home his victory, he would assuredly have done so. Did the Peking Government hold the opinion that Chang Tso-lin is a past number, it would scarcely reinstate him within a year of depriving him (on paper) of all rank and honours. It is possible that Peking's action is due to an attempt to conciliate Chang, for fear he may join hands with Sun Yat-sen, as has been rumoured on several occasions since October last. If one may judge from the capable manner in which Chang Tso-lin governs his "own" territory, it might not be a bad thing for China were Mukden and Dr. Sun Yat-sen to join hands. The Central Government in Peking has clearly demonstrated that it is unable to bring order out of chaos. Dr. Sun Yat-sen has shown in the past that he is a capable organizer; with Chang Tso-lin at his back, he could quite possibly set China on her feet again. The whole issue, of course, depends upon whether Chang Tso-lin is honest in his oft-repeated professions that he places the welfare of the country before anything else.

If there is any truth in the report that "a number of high military officers in Canton have, under the advice of Sun's party, decided to request Dr. Sun again to declare himself President of China, and also to issue orders for the northern expedition," it is a practical certainty that Canton and Mukden have already reached an agreement. Any attempt to march against the North with the Mukden forces would be courting certain defeat. "The Mukden troops are as well-found as any troops in the world," was the opinion of foreign military men who saw them in the field last Spring. That there is splendid fighting material among them was demonstrated time and again before that fateful day at Fengtai, when the order to retire was given. It is sincerely to be hoped that war will be avoided, but if there is any real chance of reunification being the result, it may well prove a blessing in disguise.

The Dublin Sweep.

Many local residents are holders of five shilling chances in the Dublin Sweep on the Derby to be run on June 6 and have asked us how they stand in the matter. Legally of course they have no standing at all in this Colony as sweepstakes are illegal unless confined to members of the Club organizing the drawing. The Dublin Sweep is being run under the auspices of Senator Michael O'Dea, Louisa A. Byrne (City Coroner), P. T. McArdle, M.B., P. B. O'Rourke, P. J. Keogh, M.B., John Corboy, Patrick McCartan, F.R.C.S., George Clune, J. Ryan, M.B. and W. T. Poole, in aid of Jervis Street Hospital. The honorary secretary is Mr. P. J. Cooney, who appears to have sent books of tickets to most of the treaty ports in China, to Japan and to Hongkong—to mention only those towns of which we have definite information. After providing for £5,000 in prizes and a bonus for holders of winning tickets, the balance will be devoted to the funds of the Jervis Street Hospital. Local holders of tickets appear to have taken alarm at a warning note struck by an article in a recent issue of *The Times*. However, a careful perusal of the article proves conclusively that while the Dublin Executive—when the last mail left—had indicated its intention to bring the Free State laws into conformity with English legislation on this subject, it would not interfere with tickets already in operation. It will thus be seen that while Hongkong holders of winning tickets have no legal status for reasons outlined above, they can rest assured that they will receive their money provided the lottery is fair and above board. There is no reason to doubt the bona fides of the promoters seeing that they are all public men. It is interesting to note that as far back as 1757 a sweepstake was organized for the funds of what is now known as the Rotunda Hospital, while in recent years Marcor's Hospital and the Hospital for Incurables have also benefited from similar ventures.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON V. SOUTH CHINA.

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their match against South China on Saturday, on the Hong Kong Football Club's ground, Kowloon, at 5 p.m.—Woodman, Wheeler, Knight, Morrison, McKelvie, Pascoe, Gleno, Hall, Sully, Duncan (GK), Mason. Reserve: Guest.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two privates of the King's Regiment will be tried by a District Court Martial, presided over by Brevet Major P. C. Hyland M.C., at Murray Barracks, next Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Captain R. H. McNair, Master of the s.s. "Hung Sang," which arrived here from Swatow this morning, reports the death of a Chinese passenger. The man died on the voyage between Bangkok and Swatow.

Members of the Overseas League in Hongkong have subscribed £112 7s. 6d. towards the fund organized by the League all over the world for a wedding gift to H.R.H. the Duke of York, who holds the office of President of the League.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., Lal Wing-wong, master of fishing boat No. 23197, was charged with unlawfully using drags on May 3. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5, which he paid. Sub-inspector Allan of the R.N.Y. Police prosecuted.

The fiftieth ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the fifty-seventh ordinary yearly meeting of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the fifty-fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., are advertised to be held on Friday, May 25, at noon, 12.15 and 12.20 p.m. respectively.

That Chinese property men do not desire to purchase houses which come under the Rents Ordinance thereby precluding their use of the premises except under certain conditions was the deduction made at Messrs. Lammer Bros. auction yesterday of the house known as No. 13A, Macdonnell Road covering an area of 6,850 square feet. Mr. George Lammer announced that the reserve price was \$45,000 but no bids were forthcoming after a quarter of an hour and the sale was, accordingly, withdrawn.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain W. B. Moorhead of the King's Regiment has been granted leave of absence for the purpose of proceeding to the United Kingdom.

The Rev R. J. Northcott C.F., has taken over the duties of Garrison Chaplain and is staying with Mrs. Northcott and their two-year old son at Kingsclere.

The local Italian consulate has received a telegram from Shanghai to the effect that H.R.H. the Duke of Spoleto, in now out of danger and his health is getting better day by day.

Mr. C. H. Reid, the oldest employee of the Kwangtung Electric Supply Company, left Canton on Tuesday, on six months' furlough. Mr. Reid sails from Hongkong on the s.s. "Havenstein," for London.

Mr. Temple Bevan, to whom says *Church Notes*, we were indebted for similar sterling help during eleven months in 1921-22, has again most kindly undertaken the duties of Organist and Choirmaster until the arrival of a permanent incumbent.

Mr. R. L. Carton, of the *Times* staff, is expected to arrive in Japan this month to take up the managing editorship of the *Japan Advertiser* and act as *Times* correspondent in Japan. A somewhat similar arrangement existed some years ago with Mr. Hargrave.

Hing Yuen-loo, A.M., LL. B., sometime Acting Chief Justice of the South China Supreme Court, has been appointed Procurator-General for South China, says the *Canton Daily News*. He is a graduate of Oxford, a barrister-at-law, and has practised successfully in Shanghai, Hongkong, and Canton.

Miss Jane Addams, a noted American woman, is now on her way to Singapore, via India and the Orient. Miss Addams is well-known for her activities as a settlement worker in Chicago, where she founded the institution known as Hull House, and she is also the author of *Democracy and Social Ethics*, *The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets*, and other books dealing with social and political reform.

Says the *Siam Observer* of April 17: "We hear that there is the probability of H. H. the Sultan of Perak paying an unofficial visit to Siam towards the end of the year, but so far nothing definite has been done." His Highness was educated at one of the universities in England and is a young man of considerable attainments, with a profound knowledge of the different political questions that affect that part of the world.

THE SAILOR'S LOT

"CARLISLE" CHAPLAIN'S
APPEAL.

HOME CHEER WANTED.

Rev. Reginald Churchill, R.N., who has recently come out as Chaplain to H.M.S. "Carlisle" occupied the pulpit on the evening of 22nd, and as few members of the regular morning congregation were present, we venture (says *Church Notes*) to give a wider publicity to an appeal which he took the opportunity of making, and which we heartily endorse; not forgetting much that has been done in the past along the lines suggested, and also continuously in the case of members of the Mercantile Marine. Mr. Churchill said:—

"In speaking in this Congregation to the residents of Hongkong, I want you to remember that the men of the British Navy are far away from home and all home atmosphere and comforts. I would ask you to consider if at least one day a week, those of you who are living in all the luxury of home life, might not consider it an act of well doing, if you gave the opportunity one evening of a few men coming to your homes, and having the cheer of seeing again out here the refinement of a real home. I should indeed be grateful for such invitations for men of H.M.S. "Carlisle." I have always found people only too ready to help provided they see that they are fulfilling some real need. If refinement and the influence of home is altogether removed from the lives of our splendid sailors, we cannot but blame ourselves when perhaps they do things we would rather not have them do. As Christians, remember, we are members one of another. We are here to help one another, not to cast stones at each other. I would ask you, then, in your kind thoughts and actions for one another not to forget the British Sailor, who guards the sea, and enables you to receive with such regularity the news of your friends at home. I know that there are clubs and institutes, but there is all the difference between a real act of personal kindness shown in a home, and any institution. Such personal acts as I ask for are just 'those little unremembered acts of kindness and of love' (Wordsworth). But believe me, you will remember them, for as you get to know the British Sailor, you will learn to love him, and he in turn will remember with gratitude the people of Hongkong."

MR. DENMAN FULLER.

AN APPRECIATION.

An old member of St. John's Cathedral congregation has sent to *Church Notes* the following appreciation of Mr. Denman Fuller who has relinquished the post of Cathedral Organist owing to ill-health after nearly 18 years' service:—

Of his musical genius, I am not qualified to speak, but as one who has listened with delight on many occasions in the past to Gullmant, Bridge, Best and Kendrick Pyne, I pay humble tribute to a man who has developed a truly wonderful organ, of which Hongkong has reason to be proud, mainly through his own enthusiasm and unselfish efforts, and who has delighted crowded audiences for years past with organ recitals which will compare with the very best at home. Nor can we forget the soul stirring "Oratorios" which have been the rule on Good Friday evenings for many years, nor the many delightful concerts and musical lectures which the Hongkong public owe to Denman Fuller.

He has raised large sums for charities, through his remarkable gifts but Hongkong will best remember him for his unselfish and wonderful personal devotion to the organ at the Cathedral on days when owing to climatic conditions he had to "coax" it to play, for his heroic attention to duty during great physical suffering and weakness, for the magnificent organ recitals he has given us, and last, but not least, for the wonderful organ he leaves behind him—literally created as I know well, by the sweat of his brow—and the "travail of his soul."

"May he soon recover his health to enjoy and use the great talent with which he has been endowed and may we meet again."

Professor Robert Latta, professor of logic and rhetoric in the University of Glasgow, accompanied by Mrs. Latta, arrived at Kowloon last month on the steamer "Kiang Maru" and is to spend about three weeks in a tour of Japan. Professor and Mrs. Latta are expected to reach Tokyo on May 6, to visit Baron Kondo, son of the late Prince of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Baron Kondo is a former student at the University of Glasgow and while there became intimately acquainted with Sir John Harvard Biles, father of Mrs. Latta, and one time professor of naval architecture in the University.

SECOND GYMKHANA.

TIPS FOR TO-MORROW.

BY ARGUS.

Provided weather conditions are favourable, the Hongkong Jockey Club will hold the Second Gymkhana Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon.

The first race starts at 3.15, distance 4 furlongs for maidens at time of entry. There are seven entries, of which Cassia River is the pick. Mr. Seth's nomination Have-a-Snack is the next best.

The second event, 1 mile handicap for China ponies has attracted sixteen entries. Petrol King and Orient Dahlia are the two best on paper, but both may be kept for the next event.

The third event, the Gymkhana Stakes, is also well patronized with fourteen nominations. Specled Mouse, for his win last meeting, has incurred a 5lb. penalty, which however, should not prevent his adding 4 more points to his credit. If Petrol King (14lbs.) is started in this race, he may upset the "good thing" with a nail in the weights of 10lbs. Should Mr. Zelenky have the mount on Orient Dahlia in this race, he must not be overlooked in view of past performances.

The fourth event, a Polo Scurry about 500 yards, round a post and in, is certain to be a good betting race, provided all the entries (13) face the starter. At last meeting, this event was 400 yards straight and Mr. Boyd's nominations Springer and Devonport finished first and second, a head, dividing them. My advice here is invest your money on the Cash Sweep.

The next race is the "B" Class Handicap with fifteen entries, one mile. Mr. Seth's New Year Gift should account for this, if he shows anything like his old form.

The sixth race, 6 furlongs, is confined to non-winning griffins of this season and any subscription griffins, whether winners or not. Royal Conqueror and Rivergrass may fight out the finish.

The last race is a handicap for China ponies, 1 1/4 miles. Despite the 10lb. above weight for inches, I shall plump for Orient Dahlia, with a sayer on Crusador. When these two last met over this distance, the weights were 157lbs. and 154lbs. respectively; to-morrow the former will carry 165lbs. and the latter 160lbs. On the last occasion, Mr. Soares, on Crusador, made the pace a cracker, the time being 30.15, 1.02, 1.36, 2.5, 2.12, 2.45, 4.5 for the quarters. Crusador was beaten by two lengths. If carefully nursed, he may turn the tables to-morrow. It is interesting to note that when Maresfield won the Shanghai Champions (over the same distance) last May the time was 31.15, 1.03, 1.34, 1.5, 2.04, 3.5, 2.34, 3.5. The pace at the start is probably what lost Crusador the race.

LEAVING FOR HOME.

MR. SILAS SASSOON
RETIRING.

Among the passengers who left by the C.E. S. liner "Empress of Australia" to-day, was Mr. M. Silas Sassoon, who has been a resident of the Colony for 43 years.

Mr. Sassoon came here from Bombay as an assistant in the firm of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co. He spent some years as their agent in Amoy and Foochow and from 1888 to 1903, he was engaged in the import and export business. In June 1903, when the mint closed down in India during a serious trade depression, Mr. Sassoon started as an exchange broker and in this business he has been actively engaged ever since.

Mr. Sassoon, who is now in his 60th year, has always been a keen follower and supporter of local racing, and in his younger days his colours had a fair amount of success. For many years he acted as Official Time-keeper at the meetings at Happy Valley, while during training he was a familiar figure on the rails.

Mr. Sassoon will leave the steamer at Shanghai to enable him to visit Tientsin, Peking and Hankow. He expects to spend a month in the North and will continue his journey by the "Empress of Canada," en route to England, when he intends to settle down.

OTHER DEPARTURES.

Other prominent residents who left by the "Empress of Australia" to-day to spend the summer at home, were Sir Paul and Lady Curzon, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, who had many friends aboard, to see them off. As the "Empress" steamed past the Kowloon docks an ear-piercing cheer of steam whistles and a barrage of rockets greeted the Chief Manager on his way. During Mr. Dyer's absence from the Colony, Mr. Edward Cook will act as Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

LOST AT SEA.

3 SURVIVORS' THRILLING
STORY.

DIET OF RAW DOLPHIN.

MANILA, May 3.

Four survivors, including the mate, boatswain and two seamen, of the Australian barquentine "Amy Turner" which sank off Guam on April 24, who arrived at Manila from Surigao Bay, gave the following account of their experiences to Reuters' correspondent:—

"We left Newcastle on March 21 for Manila with a cargo of coal. On the 23rd, a heavy wind, which developed into a typhoon, blew us out of our course.

On the 26th March, there were raging seas and wind. All the canvas was stripped. We floated helplessly for a mile or so.

Off Guam we sighted the wireless station on the cliff. There was no harbour or shelter in sight. We flew distress signals, but could not attract attention. Within an hour or two Guam was lost sight of. That night the storm intensified, reaching its height on the morning of the 27th March, and the boat was badly battered. The pumps were manned constantly. About noon, seams opened, and the ship sank quickly. Two boats were launched, but the Captain, Neils-Neilson, accompanied by his wife, remained on board. They stood on the poop as the vessel nose-dived to the bottom and were never seen again.

One boat containing nine persons capsized. Only one, Lindholm, could swim, and he reached the remaining boat, which contained three people.

A sail was hoisted and a course set, the mate navigating, heading for the Philippines. The boat had canned goods, and water, and the occupants held out well.

On the fourteenth day the occupants of the boat caught a dolphin on a line, which they ate raw, preserving their provisions. The men stood on watches, bailing and steering.

On the twenty-sixth day, the water became exhausted, and only one can of meat was left. That night it rained. Next day they sighted land, and made for the port of Surigao, where they arrived exhausted and without any clothes.

The Constabulary cared for the men, gave them clothing, and sent them on to Manila.

The British Consul, who took charge of the men, is sending them on to Melbourne, from which port they all came and at which the "Amy Turner" was registered. The mate saved the ship's log, but nothing else.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

CHIHLI TROOPS.

TSAO KUN AGAIN
"EXPLAINS."

PEKING, May 3. Tsoa Kun has again wired to the Premier, saying that the movements of Chihli troops are merely due to replacing units, who have been a long time in the Jehol area, for purposes of re-equipment and further training.

The Premier has wired thanking Tsoa Kun and Chang Tso-lin for their recent messages assuring him of their peaceful desires, and saying that he still hopes to be able to summon the Central National Conference for disbandment and peaceful reunification.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

LUHOE EARTHQUAKE.

SOME MISSIONARIES
KILLED.

SHANGHAI, May 3.

Some missionaries are included in the death-roll of the earthquake in the Luho district. The earthquake lasted six minutes. The shocks were so violent that buildings collapsed without warning, burying the occupants beneath the ruins.

Chen Hsia-ling, the Border Defence Commissioner, has requested \$100,000 from the Government for relief purposes.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

STUDENTS ARRESTED.

LABOUR DAY PAMPHLETS.

PEKING, May 3. Some students and labourers, who distributed alleged dangerous pamphlets on Labour Day, have been arrested.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

Mr. H. R. Whates, Parliamentary correspondent of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, died on March 25, after two days' illness, at the age of fifty-eight. He was on duty in the House of Lords on the previous Thursday evening, and wrote a valuable account of the debate. Mr. Whates was at one time an editor in British Guiana, and subsequently a sub-editor of the *Standard* in London. The *Standard* and *Conservative* Journal of London.

CANTON CONFLICT.

ACTIVITY FOLLOWS LULL.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 3. After a comparative lull in the fighting on the North River front, Sun's forces have again taken up the offensive, the Yunnanese-Cantonese allies scoring a number of successes, which though unimportant in themselves, may pave the way for a further determined onslaught on the anti-Sun lines.

The heights at Ngan Chan Ngu were re-occupied by Sun's men after stubborn fighting in which both sides suffered heavy casualties. Kwan Tin has also been taken and the re-capture of Yuen Tam is also claimed by Sun's adherents. It should be remembered that earlier in the campaign Sun's troops occupied these places with less resistance but had to retire when Northern reinforcements arrived to displace the weary Kwangsi-ites. Apparently, the force of the Northern troops has been checked and Sun's leaders are still striking in the direction of Pa Kong Han, a strategic point on the Kwangsi-ites' main line of communications.

No report has been made as to the fighting on the West River front and from the meagre news that filters through it is difficult to gauge who is actually in occupation. A body of Yunnanese soldiers in co-operation with some Cantonese collected elsewhere, are said to have been withdrawn from other fronts to assist in a determined attempt to crush Shun's men in and around Shihing, the object being to score a decisive victory on one front to be able to devote more attention to the North River.

Press-gangs have been reported to be at work in many districts near the fighting area, both factions being responsible for compelling labourers to help in transporting military necessities.

NEWS FROM SAMSHUI.

SAMSHUI, May 3. On May 1, considerable reinforcements for Dr. Sun's army arrived from Kiangmoon and next day they proceeded to join the army before Shui Hing.

One Yunnanese General and three Colonels, all very badly wounded, were brought down the North River and taken to Canton by train.

To-day 700 Yunnanese soldiers, retiring from the North River, arrived in Samshui. There are hospital-junks at Samshui and there are said to be 300 wounded about them.

River steamers cannot proceed above Samshui.

A YUNNANESE VICTORY.

News of a big victory gained by the Yunnanese forces, fighting for Dr. Sun in the North River District reached Hongkong by letter yesterday. If the news is correct the battle in question may mark the beginning of the end of the ambitions of the Kwangsi-ites in Kwangtung.

The contents of the letter were communicated to us and we give them as written.

Dr. Sun's forces have gained a decisive victory in the North River region. On the afternoon of April 29 Dr. Sun's forces made a general attack on the enemy, who had two northern brigades in the centre supported by Kwangsi forces on the wing. They were stationed on the hills around Yintshing on the Canton-Hankow railway.

On the morning of 1st May, a flanking force, personally conducted by General Tsang Kwong-liang, succeeded in getting to the rear of the enemy, who then became utterly disorganised and fled in great disorder. The enemy suffered a loss of 1,500 casualties, of whom six hundred were killed, besides 1,000 prisoners captured. The Commander-in-Chief of the northern forces was identified among the dead by prisoners of war.

Large captures of ammunition were also made, among them being a dozen machine-guns, a battery of Krupp 7.5 centimetre guns and over one and a half million rounds of ammunition, as well as three train loads of supplies.

A competent military observer expressed the opinion that nothing is left for General Shun Hing-ying, in order to save his forces, than to beat a hasty retreat. In the course of a week or ten days he believes the North River region will be completely cleared of the enemy.

Mr. Marcus Brownrigg, McGreggor, of Crouching, formerly of Valparaiso, left estate of the value of £7,000. He bequeathed large sums for charitable purposes and in remembrance.

His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales were present at the Grand National Hunt which was won by the three-year-old horse Sergeant Murphy, owned by Mr. S. Sanford, an American sportsman. Shungho, the winner of two years ago, was second. The third was Conqueror, ridden by a Canadian. The Grand National was completed on May 3.

UNIVERSITY, WINDFALL.

SIR PAUL CHATER, AGAIN.
GIFT OF \$250,000.

Before he left with Lady Chater by the "Empress of Australia" to-day to spend the summer at Home, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater added to his long list of munificent benefactions by presenting a sum of \$250,000 to the Hongkong University.

This gift, the *China Mail* learns, is to be called the "Chater Endowment Fund" and is to be used for the general purposes of the University.

SAILORS BEWARE.

WARNINGS TO MARINERS.

A wireless telegram has been received at the Harbour Office from s.s. "Havenstein," dated May 3. It reads: In latitude 22°45' N. and longitude 116°14' E. passed floating wreck of junk; dangerous to navigation.

A wireless message from s.s. "Sicilia," dated May 4 reports having met with a fishing junk, waterlogged and just awash, in latitude 22°40' N. and longitude 115°59' E.

Sailors are proverbially careless, which possibly accounts for a notice posted in the Harbour Office, warning mariners that certificates of ships' registry for deposit should not be left on any desk. They should be handed to the clerk in charge of the Clearance Office.

BLAMED ONE ANOTHER.

STOLEN MA JONG SET.

Three Water Police seamen were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the larceny of one set of *Ma Jong* dominoes from a passenger sampan in the harbour which they had searched. They were Lai Lin, coxswain, Wan On, seaman, and Au Man, engineer of No. 9 Police Launch.

Sub-Inspector Spear said that the complainant made a report to the station and he set out to make inquiries. The set was discovered in the engine-room, whereupon the coxswain denied knowledge of it, the seaman blamed the engineer and the latter accused the coxswain.

Divisional Inspector Angus asked for a remand and this was granted till 12 noon on the 9th, the defendants being allowed bail in the sum of \$200 each.

PAWNSHOP'S LOSSES.

FOKI UNDER SUSPICION.

A case of conspiracy in which about \$10,000 of jewellery is involved came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning. A *foki* of the Leung Yick pawnshop, Wellington Street, and another man were charged with being implicated in the disappearance of the valuables from the shop's safe. It was stated that the master seldom examined his stock and accounts and the loss was only recently discovered.

According to Sub-Inspector Pincott, approximately \$2,800 had been recovered by the police but two valuable rings valued at \$7,000 were missing. It was also stated that the *foki* had handed a pair of bangles, not the property of the shop, to the other defendant who pawned them at the shop. The *foki* is alleged to have stolen the bangles and returned them to his confederate who again pawned them, this being repeated six times. Ultimately suspicions were aroused and investigations led to the arrests.

Hearing was fixed for 2.15 p.m. on the 8th.

WORKERS' WAGES.

TELEPHONE MEN'S INCREASE.

The *Tai Kwong Po* states that the Telephone Co.'s workmen have been granted increases in pay in response to their recent demands. A scale of percentages was adopted for the different grades.

The vernacular paper also states that workers in soap-factories about two hundred in number have presented demands to their employers for increased pay. The scale asked for is:—Those receiving from \$1 to \$10 per month, 45 per cent.; \$10 to \$20, 35 per cent.; over \$20, 25 per cent. The employers have counter-offered the following scale: \$1 to \$10, 20 per cent.; \$10 to \$20, 15 per cent.; over \$20, 10 per cent. A conference has been arranged when representatives of the masters will meet the men's delegates. The masters will be represented by the Chinese Soap Co., Wing Yee Cheong and the Chinese Soap Co.

ILLICIT COCAINE.

JAPANESE MERCHANT CHARGED.

ACCUSATION OF BRIBERY.

Charges of unlawful possession of \$4,000 doses of cocaine valued at \$384 and offering a bribe of \$50 to a Chinese Revenue Officer were preferred against a Japanese, Shiro Fukushima, described as managing partner of the Southern Trading Co. of No. 9, Ice House Street, first floor, and against Wong Fun, a boy employed in the same firm, before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd asked permission to withdraw both charges against the boy as the count of bribery had been made erroneously, and on the charge of possession it was desired to use him as a witness. His Worship acceded to the request.

Fukushima pleaded guilty to the charge of possession. Asked what he had to say, he replied that he did not wish to say anything but the cocaine was his property. At this stage Mr. C. A. S. Russ came into

the Court to defend. Evidence was then heard on the bribery charge. His Worship reserving sentence on the possession charge till to-morrow.

Revenue Officer Yeung Fai related the circumstances leading up to the arrest shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday in Bonham Strand East. Another Revenue Officer, No. 18, stopped the boy who was ahead in a ricksha while witness caught the Japanese, who was following and made an attempt to turn his ricksha back when he saw that the boy had been detained. Witness stated that in a side-street leading from Bonham Strand into Wing Lok Street, defendant pushed something crumpled into his hand. This turned out to be a \$50 note which was handed to Mr. Taylor, Monopoly Analyst, at the Imports and Exports Office.

The next witness was the boy, Wong Fun, who stated that he had been in defendant's employ for about one month. Yesterday afternoon he met his master outside the Museum and was given a parcel to carry. They proceeded in rickshas to Bonham Strand where they were arrested. (Proceeding.)

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, May 4, 1923.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, HONGKONG, on FRIDAY, 26th May, 1923, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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Hongkong, May 4, 1923.

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Hongkong, May 4, 1923.

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HOUSING PROBLEM SOLUTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It is unquestionably true that the majority of tenants and sub-tenants have a very imperfect knowledge of the protection they are entitled to under the Rents Ordinance.

I have always been under the impression that the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock knew this fact until I saw his letter recently in the local papers explaining clearly the legal rights the tenants and sub-tenants have under the said Ordinance. The explanations offered are still timely and should certainly do a great deal of good if they were properly brought home to their knowledge; otherwise it is practically of little use to have any Rent Ordinance at all if it is imperfectly understood and not legally enforced while malpractices are going on unabated, as its primary intention is to safeguard not only the tenants against the landlords but also the sub-tenants against the principal tenants.

HOW TO MAKE THE RENTS ORDINANCE UNDERSTOOD.
The best way of making the Rents Ordinance widely understood will be not merely to ask the Tenants Association to disseminate such knowledge but to request the proper authorities to send their representatives to pay periodical visits to every flat and house for that purpose.

TENANTS AND SUB-TENANTS.
This deficiency in knowledge especially on the part of the sub-tenants who are made up principally of the evicted and labouring classes has always been a source of glaring abuses by their principal tenants who have been unlawfully fleeing their unfortunate sub-tenants of a flat or a house or of several rooms and bed spaces in a flat to the inordinate extent of, in many cases, as much as one hundred per cent. over and above the actual rent paid by them to the landlords.

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.
Now, the landlords, too, have diverse ways of fleeing their victims and one of these ways which is not generally known but often practised by certain bold and unscrupulous landlords is to have their ignorant tenants ejected from the houses occupied by them under some pretext or other in order to obtain a much higher rent by letting them out to some new tenants from whom they get, in many cases, as much as 100 per cent. higher rent for old houses and not for "new" houses, or houses so reconstructed as to be called "new" within the meaning of the Building Ordinance.

LANDLORDS AND PRINCIPAL TENANTS TO BE PROSECUTED.
I do not know whether the Treasury Office is aware of any such malpractices. If not, it seems that proper taxes have not been paid to the Government.

As I suggested above, if proper persons were sent to every house and flat, not only the public will have a clear notion of the meaning and intention of the Rents Ordinance but the Government also will, through their investigations, know the extent of the evasions and violations of the law. And, without the least exaggeration, I can confidently say that not hundreds but thousands upon thousands of such cases will be brought to light, and the defaulters should be prosecuted.

PRESENT RENT MOSTLY UNREAL.
With extortions such as these going on unchecked, it is obviously clear that the rents of most houses in this Colony are unreal, that is to say, not Standard Rents as laid down by the Rents Ordinance.

HOW HAVE THE CAUSES OF ALL EVILS.

This undue inflation of rents is an extra heavy burden added to the already excessively high rent which the poorer classes can hardly bear, and which is the root cause of all the evils complained of—high cost of living, higher wages, recurrent strikes and what not. Even armed robberies (which are regrettably becoming almost a daily occurrence) are, in a great measure, due to it and not entirely to the unsettled conditions in the neighbouring countries of China as has been asserted. And unless the root cause of all these evils is entirely eradicated, it

is impossible to tell the extent they may lead to, and it is equally impossible not to expect frequent recurrences of strikes which in turn react on the cost of living until the whole position becomes well nigh impossible even for trade to be carried on.

LOSS OF TRADE POSSIBLE.
This may sound too ominous and incredible as it may at first sight appear to be, it is, nevertheless, true; for there is a limit to every thing, and once that limit is overstepped, trade will be diverted to other channels where the cost of production (which is not necessarily restricted to manufacture alone) will be lower than it will be in this Colony, for Hongkong can at best be described as merely a distributing centre of trade for South China on account of its geographical situation.

ALARMING APPRECIATION IN LAND AND HOUSE VALUE.
It was with deep concern and much apprehension that we had been watching the steady appreciation in the value of land and house properties; but with what feeling other than that of alarm we must now view the fabulous and, it may be said, insane prices, having recently been paid for both land and house properties as evidenced by the private and public auction sales that have taken and are taking place?

REAL AND IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF APPRECIATION.
Surely it had nothing to do with economies in the broadest sense of the word inasmuch as the returns on the capital invested in house properties have been, in most cases, negligible, while those on the capital invested in land can only be problematical because the cost of the buildings to be erected thereon can only be conjectured. What then is the real and immediate cause of the present abnormally high value of land and house properties? Of the several true reasons attributed to it, such as the large influx of Chinese into the Colony due to the state of disorders prevailing in the neighbouring countries, causing the supply of houses to fall short of the demand, the eagerness of the wealthy refugees to possess houses here, speculation, etc., the principle reason is that, to avoid meeting the heavy demands made on their purses for military and other contributions in their native land, many of these wealthy people have been anxious to have as much of their wealth transferred to a place of security, and they regarded Hongkong as the ideal place for that purpose; hence they have each been acquiring not one house for the individual use of each of their family but many houses and much land for which they have paid fabulous prices without giving any serious thought to the returns on the capital laid out.

HIGH VALUE GENERALLY FICTITIOUS.
Therefore, like rent, the value of land and houses, too, is in most instances fictitious; and cases have been known where higher values than the actual amount paid for houses had been inserted in deeds of sale in order to enhance the value of the properties.

LEGALISED PROFITEERING.
Mr. M. K. Lo did rick a hole into the Rents Ordinance at the recent public meeting when he said that where there were two houses exactly the same—one new, that is to say, so reconstructed as to be called "new" (the italics are mine), and the other old—the new one was let at exactly twice the rent of the old because he rightly contended that it paid the landlords to reconstruct old houses as the outlay was small compared with the profits made after the houses had been reconstructed when they would be removed from rent control. He rightly termed this legalised profiteering.

Unfortunately, however, he did not or could not offer any remedy against it, which was expressly what that meeting was called for, and undoubtedly there is such a remedy. Mr. Lo, therefore, expressed the hope that the Rents Ordinance should not be confined until the supply exceed the demand because, he said, such a state of affairs would not be brought about for another twenty years, and immediately after he went on to say "the Lord only knows what will happen in 20 years' time if the people who build new houses are allowed to

charge whatever rents they like, whilst the old dwellings are still subject to the Rents Ordinance." For even now houses other than those so reconstructed is to be called "new" there is also, I emphatically say, a remedy. But now he did contradict himself when he said that in 20 years' time the supply might exceed the demand, and then at the same breath he disclaimed that belief by saying the Lord only knows what would happen during that time.

That was, after all, merely an inconsistency in argument; but what does matter and matters much was his extraordinary demand for the abrogation of the existing Rents Ordinance. That demand if acquiesced in would be prejudicial to the tenants in general to which class the majority of the public belong; for, once the Rents Ordinance is repealed the Landlords will, as it can only be humanly expected, at once, raise rents to such extortionate extent that it will be fearful to contemplate the results attending it.

He did not, of course, realise that it would inevitably give fresh incentive to, and just cause for, more and more strikes of such a nature as to eclipse in their intensity all those previously known and make the already very high cost of living so high as to bring in its train widespread misery to the poor till the situation becomes so chaotic, so insupportable (if the limit is reached as I have already pointed out) that the Colony will lose its life-blood trade; for then and only then will supply exceed the demand because the population of the Colony will then have been thinned. This is too dismal a picture and may appear incredible, but it is nevertheless true.

THE EVILS.
As matters have not yet come to such a grievous pass, and as there is still left some efficacious remedies to combat the malady, so let it be carefully diagnosed and be given a radical cure.

Apart from other points already touched upon, the following are the outstanding evils by which the housing problem is confronted and which require proper treatment.

SUBJECT TO RENTS ORDINANCE.

- 1.—Illegal profiteering by the Landlords by obtaining higher rents than standard rent from old tenants.
- 2.—Ditto from new tenants after illegally ejecting old tenants.
- 3.—Ditto from new tenants for premises vacated.
- 4.—Illegally ejecting old tenants by Landlords.
- 5.—Illegal profiteering by Principal tenants from sub-tenants for whole flats, rooms and bed spaces.

NOT SUBJECT TO ORDINANCE.

- 6.—Legalised profiteering by landlords on houses so reconstructed as to be called "new."
- 7.—High rent charged for new houses.

Clearly the Rents Ordinance as it now stands does not apply to the whole list of evils excepting the first part of it classified under "Subject to Rents Ordinance" beginning with clause 1 down to clause 5; but with regard to clauses 6 and 7, they do not come under it, and it is therefore necessary to have it amended to contract the evils.

ORDINANCE AGAINST PROFITEERING ON RECONSTRUCTED HOUSES.

The obvious remedy against legalised profiteering by the Landlords on new houses so reconstructed as to be called "new" is to amend the Rents Ordinance by the addition of such a section as will give to the Landlords in addition to the old standard rent before such reconstruction such further rent to be calculated on a percentage basis, not exceeding 7 per cent. on the actual cost of the outlay which is to be assessed by the proper authorities.

ORDINANCE TO COVER NEW HOUSES.

To meet the case of new houses, an Ordinance should be made that rent should be based at the rate of 7 per cent. on the actual cost of land and building, the value of the property to be also assessed by the proper authorities. Such an Ordinance will have the effect of checking speculation and the high prices now freely offered for landed properties.

MORE TROUBLES IN ORDINANCE NOT AMENDED.

If this is not done, there will surely be plenty of troubles infinitely worse than those we are having to-day in store for us in the future, as more than 20 years ago I foresaw that we would have some such troubles as we have the misfortune to witness to-day. Even then I suggested, as I have always suggested, rent control by assessing the value of house properties as the only remedy capable of arresting the progress of evils attendant on the high cost of living mainly caused by high rent, but my note of warning went unheeded.

EXISTING ORDINANCE NOT WORKING SMOOTHLY.

I cannot agree with the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock's view that the Rents Ordinance is not working smoothly simply because, contrary to his expectations, the Law Courts had not been thronged with litigants. If the approach to the Law Courts had not been blocked

with litigants, it was, believe me, entirely due to the imperfect knowledge or ignorance of the law on the part of the majority of the public, and I desire no other support for my assertion than his anxiety to explain the intention of the Rents Ordinance in the local papers recently. I instruct the public in the way I have suggested and you will have thousands of litigants trooping to the Law Courts!

HIGH COST OF BUILDING NOT DUE TO RENT ORDINANCE.

Much less can I be reconciled to his view as to the uncertainty whether the shortage of land or the high cost of building was due to the Rents Ordinance; on the contrary it is my firm belief that the Rents Ordinance should have the very opposite effect if it is legally enforced and not left a dead letter as it now appears to be.

BUILDING BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS UNFEASIBLE.

Having dwelt on the existing evils and pointed out the kind of legislation necessary to cope with them, I will now proceed to consider the question of house building. I find that, at the recent public meeting, both Messrs. D. V. Stevenson and P. J. de V. Soares were in favour of houses being built by corporations. The intentions are no doubt praiseworthy, but the ideas, though excellent in theory, will, when applied in practice, not give the desired result—cheap houses—because of the peculiar conditions now militating against it.

How can any corporation build cheap houses at the present time when land is fetching so high a price? They can do it only if the Government were to grant them free land or sell it to them very cheap for that purpose, but such a thing can, of course, be hardly expected as it will give rise to charges of favouritism being made against the Government.

Mr. Soares further proposed that the cost of land should be paid by the intending house owner at the outset as a test of his willingness to co-operate in the building scheme. What a proposition indeed!

As land itself now costs as much as the building, why should any person, who has the means to purchase a piece of land, wait for assistance from any particular corporation to build a house thereon when he can easily get such assistance elsewhere and commence building at once? That is not all. The important point is what is to become of those who have the desire but not the ready cash to buy a piece of land at the outset? The inference to be drawn is that these people, however worthy they may be, are to be excluded from the scheme. Perhaps it does not, but he ought to know that many there are who are so situated, and that it is especially for this class of the public that all the fighting has been done in order to provide them with cheap houses to live in.

GOVERNMENT AS BUILDER.

As I have just remarked, neither private individuals nor corporations can build cheap houses because they will have to buy land in the open market for which they will have to pay a very high price.

Therefore, no one but the Government, in spite of opinions to the contrary from certain quarters, can build cheap houses and let them cheaply for the simple reason that, apart from any other considerations, it need have to pay nothing for its own land.

This same view I expressed in an article of mine published in the China Mail of the 14th February of last year, and it is significant that even recently Mr. Ip Lan Chuen, the Secretary to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, had expressed the same view which was soon afterwards endorsed by the said Chamber of Commerce in its report to the Housing Commission.

On the Government the whole solution of that part of the housing problem relating to house building depends, and it is to be hoped that the Government will build in certain areas as many cheap houses as possible to accommodate the Chinese labourers, and in certain areas as many cheap houses to accommodate the Europeans and other nationalities of small means who make this Colony their home, all the houses to be let at the monthly rent payment system.

This scheme will, I am quite sure, eliminate the raising of any question about racial discrimination; and by adopting it the Government will confer an inestimable boon on the public.

AMENDMENT TO BUILDING ORDINANCE DESIRABLE.

As to the suggestions which the Housing Commission invited from the public, the report submitted by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to the Housing Commission with the view to cutting down as much as possible the cost of building is on the whole a very able one, and it is especially so when dealing with the question of building.

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The necklace, which is now on view in the collection of Australian curios in Australia House, Strand, is of great beauty and fairly lightness. It is composed of eight strands and is just over two feet in length. It weighs only 1-25th of an ounce. Several thousand beetles must be caught before one necklace is made.

In colour it is a rich iridescent green, flashing bright shades of red and yellow when moved about under the light. The insects from which it is made, a *Daily Mail* reporter was told by the keeper of the curios, is the Australian bronze-winged beetle.

Only one joint of the leg of the beetle, about an eighth of an inch in length, is used in making a link of the necklace. The joint is then strung on a fine thread of vegetable fibre. Similar necklaces are used as love tokens by the Solomon Islands natives.

ing materials which has always been a stumbling-block in the way of cheap building for which the Building Ordinance is, to a great extent, responsible as it is rather particular with the kinds of materials to be used in house building. Therefore this Ordinance, too, requires modification.

HOUSE COLLAPSE, DUE MORE TO FAULTY CONSTRUCTION.

True we have had, at times, house collapses, but that was due not so much to the cheap materials used as has been generally believed as to the faulty construction of houses, such as building in haste, weak or unsound foundation. This is proven by the fact that there are even now in Hongkong and in the neighbouring colony of Macao many very old houses still in existence built of cheap blue bricks in a good state of preservation after having withstood the test of time and the elements.

MIDDLEMAN INDISPENSABLE.

With regard to the report by the said Chamber on the indispensability or otherwise of the middleman, it is true that the middleman is almost indispensable because labour is divided into several different groups, each of which is under separate employers and not under the direct control of the contractors. If there are any middlemen, they are the contractors themselves, because they act only as middlemen between builder and labour.

The Housing Problem is admittedly a very complex question, for the proper solution of which it is necessary to grasp all the intricacies which it offers.

If the question had been thoroughly understood at the very beginning of the agitation for rent-control, things would have been quite different to-day and there would have been no need for further public meetings or for the appointment of any Commission to reconsider it.

I had given up the idea of plaguing myself with the subject again, but as it is of such vital importance to the public I have overcome my decision by offering a solution to the whole question; and I trust you will pardon me for having taken up so much space in your valuable paper.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. XAVIER.
Hongkong, May 2.

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FINE AND APPLIED ART
MAGAZINE.

The Studio, March.
The latest *Studio*, London's well-known magazine of fine and applied art is more than usually rich in illustrations—many coloured. One section, indeed, is entirely devoted to pictures and drawings from recent London exhibitions. Another, with interesting letterpress, deals with the many beautiful landscapes painted by Mr. S. J. Lawton. These are especially pleasing for the overseas exile as they all depict the English coast. Further particulars are given about the recent Exhibition of Decorative Art at the Royal Academy, together with some fine photographs of ivory carving, sculpture, stained glass, pottery, embroidery, etc. A long list of Turner water colour reproductions forms the subject of a brief but interesting article. Some very fine etchings from the 11th annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters and Engravers are reproduced with explanatory text. Other excellent features include the usual *Studio* talk from the world's chief art centres, one especially interesting picture being some "Chinese Stuff Bottles," a water colour by Charles Sherrington.

JAPAN AND MANCHURIA.

Printed on art paper between covers of variegated cloth which at first sight suggested a book of poems, a treatise on "Japan's position in Manchuria and Mongolia" comes from Dairen where it was published by the *Manchurian Daily News* on behalf of seven of the local newspapers.
It is, so the preface indicates, intended to be assimilated along with it to be hoped for the sake of the diners, more easily digestible fare at the "Manchurian banquet" to be held in America on May 25 under the auspices of Dean Walter Williams, of the Mission School of Journalism. "We have," says the preface, "jumped at this unexpected chance to state our naked view about Japan's policy for Manchuria, necessarily in a brief and abstract style and to present, with our sincere respect, copies of its translation into English to the brilliant assembly that will grace the presence." We will hope that this pamphlet, prepared in an almost under hurry, may still serve to give at least a rough idea of how South Manchuria and Inner Mongolia stand at present.
There does not appear to be any great need for the advance apology for mutilations of English that may have occurred in the translation and the illustrations, which reveal Dairen as a thriving port, are admirably reproduced.

ALL ABOUT BABIES.

To the average bachelor mind babies are just babies. That they are very frail and delicate machines needing the same careful attention that he bestows upon his motor bike or his radio set he does not discover until he gets married himself. Unless, that is, he happens to run across the just reissued "Glaxo Baby Book," a copy of which has been forwarded to this office by Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., who are responsible for the local distribution of the food that it undertakes to "build bonnie babies."
This handy publication is a compendium of the knowledge every mother should possess before and after the arrival of her offspring. "The high function of this book to-day," explains a preface note, "is to supply to the mother the true knowledge of the actual facts of baby life, so that by the application of such knowledge, baby troubles may be avoided and happiness reign in the home." It should go far towards averting the tragedy of unsuccessful motherhood.
Messrs. Loxley and Co. state that the book can be obtained free of charge from all chemists and stores and that should there be any difficulty in obtaining it they will be quite willing to forward it on application.

FOR CYCLISTS.

MEAD CYCLE COMPANY'S CATALOGUE.
Intending cycle buyers will be interested to know that the Mead Cycle Company, Incorporated of Balaclava, Birmingham, has just issued the biggest and most beautiful cycle encyclopaedia in the world. The list is superbly printed in choice art colours and contains illustrations and descriptions of eighteen high grade Gentlemen's Roadster, All-Weather and Racing machines; also particular and photographic reproductions of de luxe cycles for ladies, girls and boys. Some of the cycle illustrations cover a space measuring 172 square inches and clearly show every important part in detail, obviously the list is invaluable to those who wish to know all about the structure of modern bicycles.
The catalogue also tells how you can obtain a Mead cycle for your

OPIUM MONOPOLY.
SYSTEMATIC "SQUEEZE"
ALLEGED.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST
SHROFF.

Serious allegations were made against Ng Shiu-hing, a shroff in the Imports and Exports Department in a case heard before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday. In contending that certain evidence was admissible, the prosecuting solicitor even went to the extent of saying "It is what we would call squeeze" but the charge was larceny of \$5 and \$25 from Government opium retailers and the fraudulent conversion of this money to his own use.
Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, assistant Crown Solicitor, represented the Crown and Mr. K. Lo defended.
Opening his case, Mr. Hazlerigg said that he would first of all confine himself to the charges relating to the larceny of \$25 and fraudulent conversion of that amount. After explaining defendant's duties which included receiving money from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to pay commissions to the licensed opium retailers, the assistant Crown Solicitor went on to say that he alleged that on April 20, instead of paying \$70 to the license, Lai Chaung, defendant, only paid him \$45 and obtained his signed receipt for the full amount. Evidence would be submitted that this was not the only occasion of under-payment but that other people had also been underpaid.
Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports stated, in evidence that defendant had been in the Government service since 1914 when the opium monopoly was taken over. Defendant's duties included making visits to inspect the transactions, stocks, entries &c. of the licensed retailers. The largest retailers, said Mr. Lloyd, were paid from \$60 to \$115 per month while others received percentages varying from 1 1/2 to 15%. Mr. Lloyd also explained how defendant paid out the money to retailers according to schedule in the pay sheet.
Examined by Mr. Hazlerigg, witness said that the accused was not entitled to make any deductions. He was arrested last Saturday; since then his accounts had been investigated and the cash-book was found correct.
Mr. Lo then cross-examined and it was revealed that about \$17,000 to \$18,000 passed through defendant's hands daily and he also paid out about \$5,000 in commissions to retailers every month. Defendant was guaranteed by a bond which Mr. Lo said was for \$4,000 but Mr. Lloyd thought was for \$5,000.
Mr. Lo asked witness if defendant could have embezzled large sums of money and run away and Mr. Lloyd replied that there was very little chance as there were a number of Indian and Chinese guards about (and defendant paid in his takings by tiffin time. Pressed as to whether defendant could have run away if there was a conspiracy amongst the office staff, Mr. Lloyd said "Yes, he could, just like the manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank could if he entered into a conspiracy."
Mr. Lo: Why did you make a comparison like that? Do you think he could have run away then?—I am not going to make comparisons in this case.
Mr. Lo: I am not making funny comparisons. You did.
Mr. Lo then put another question and for a time Mr. Lloyd would not give a definite answer. The question was: "Supposing the defendant pays over \$70 and gets a receipt for that sum and he is paid back \$20 would you say it was misappropriation?"
Witness eventually replied: *prima facie* I should say that the defendant had been guilty of bribery and if the defendant was in a position to threaten I should say it would probably amount to larceny.
Evidence was given by the retailer and Mr. Lo lodged a formal objection when Mr. Hazlerigg questioned defendant as to alleged under-payments on dates previous to the one under the charge, contending that such evidence was not admissible. Mr. Hazlerigg replied to the effect that defendant had been working on a system and the evidence was admissible on that ground. Mr. Hazlerigg also claimed that it was corroborative evidence.
After some argument the evidence was recorded without prejudice to future arguments and the case was adjourned.

AT THE STAR.

Clara Kimball Young, the brilliant star whose fine performance in "The Cheaters" local cinema goers will still remember, has just equalled her part as the heroine of "The Forbidden Woman" which the management of the Star Theatre, Kowloon, are screening to-day. As Diane Sorel, the beautiful Parisian actress who has come to Hongkong to play the part of the heroine, she has a hand in doing the popular actress has a role which fulfils her wish to experience to display her very special talents. The film is one of its outstanding features.

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"The Japanese are the most progressive people in the Orient, and their revolution is far from completed, but their resources and territorial limitations will not allow them the striking development that will take place in China. The Japanese are another people who are undergoing changes but their development will be slower than in other parts of the Far East. The Japanese are an intensely musical people, but their interests along this line are confined to their native music. I gave many concerts there but all of my audiences were made up of foreigners. I have played to foreign audiences entirely with the exception of those in Japan. In China there is no interest in Western music among the common masses of Chinese people."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Yeizan, Maru, (M.B.K.) from Keelung—Wanchai.
Havensstein, (Brockelman) from Shanghai—A8.
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow—B11.
Hansung, (J.M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow—C37.
Yingchow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy—B12.
Reims, (Tai Wo) from Pakhoi, Hoihow—C44.
Halvard, (Wo Fat Sing) from Canton—Off Stovecutters.
Sunli, (Po On) from Fort Bayard, Macao—Co's Wharf.
Taiszema, (Yan Fat) from Kwong Chow Wan—Co's Wharf.
Lushan, Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Shanghai, Swatow—C38.
Helios, (Kung Chung) from Saigon—C40.
Amherst, (On Fat) from Hoihow—C19.
Unda, (A.P.C.) from Singapore, Taikoktsu.
Nishiyama Maru, (Sato & Co.) from Bangkok—West Point.
Yei Maru, (Sato & Co.) from Hongay—Wanchai.
Apocoy, (Wo Fat Sing) from Bangkok—B22.

DEPARTURES.

Fenglie, (Yee Tai Hong) for Chefoo, Tsingtau—May 4.
Anna Kayser, (Bodiker) for Yokohama, Shanghai—May 4.
Suiyang, (B. & S.) for Shanghai, Swatow—May 4.
Leesang, (J.M. & Co.) for Hoihow, Hoihow—May 4.
Yuenang, (J.M. & Co.) for Manila—May 4.
Haiching, (Douglas) for Foochow, Swatow—May 4.
Lushan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Canton—May 4.
Emp. of Australia, (C.P.S. Ltd.) for Vancouver, Shanghai—May 4.
Yechigo, Maru, (M.B.K.) for Hongay—May 4.
Esang, (J.M. & Co.) for Shanghai, Swatow—May 4.
Sunli, (Po On) for Kwong Chow Wan—May 4.
Prosper, (Fok Tai Cheong) for Canton—May 4.
Banyei Maru, (Woo Lee) for Canton—May 4.
Pakhoi, (B. & S.) for Canton—May 4.

AT THE STAR.

"THE FORBIDDEN WOMAN"

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LATE SIR HENRY MAY.
THE COLONY'S TRIBUTE.
STATUE UNVEILED YESTERDAY.

In Statue Square, last evening, there were assembled representatives of every walk of life in the Colony to witness the unveiling of the statue of the late Sir Henry May G.C.M.G., D.C., L.D., Governor of Hongkong from 1912 to 1919.
The covered stands, which had been erected on three sides of the statue, barely sufficed to accommodate those anxious to pay tribute to one of the Colony's greatest administrators. Among the distinguished gathering, in addition to those taking official part in the proceedings were:—Commander Grace (representing H.E. Admiral Leveson) and Mrs. Grace, Col. C. W. Day, C.M.G., C.B.E. (representing H.E. the G. O. C.), Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.
Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Colonial Secretary), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax C.B.E.), the Hon. Mr. McI Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Sir William Rees Davies (Chief Justice) and Lady Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) and Mrs. Gompertz, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C., C.B.E. (the Attorney-General) and Mrs. Kemp, the Bishop of Victoria (the Very Revd. Dr. Duppuy), Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Commander Beckwith R.N. (the Harbour Master), Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Lieutenant Commander L. G. Bird, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. J. Kerr, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, Mr. Lam Chuen, Mr. Wong Ting-sun, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. S. B. B. McDermid, Mrs. Kotewall (representing her husband the Hon. Mr. Kotewall), Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Chan Tin-sen, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. Hugh Nisbet, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thorne, Mr. H. Hancock, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Rev. Fr. Robert, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. J. T. Holman and many others.
Inspector Kent and a force of European police were present and regulated matters so expeditiously that no inconvenience of any sort was caused to the vehicular and pedestrian traffic usual at 5 o'clock of an evening. A Guard of Honour of 50 men from the King's Regiment, under Captain Skinner, was drawn up immediately behind the statue with both hands in the rear.
His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Stubbs, with Captain Neville, R.M.L.L. A.D.C. and Mr. Eric Rice, Private Secretary, in attendance, arrived punctually at 5 o'clock. The guard presented arms while the opening bars of "God Save the King" were played. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Pollock K.C., and the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak received His Excellency and Lady Stubbs and conducted them to seats facing the veiled statue.
SIR PAUL CHATER'S SPEECH.
Addressing His Excellency, Sir Paul Chater said:—
"I have asked you to come here this afternoon to unveil a statue of your illustrious predecessor, the late Sir Henry May."
I may mention that after he resigned his position as Governor of Hongkong owing to ill health he was asked if he would consent to the erection of a statue. He agreed to do so, and appointed Sir Bertram Mackennal, K.C.V.O., A.R.A., to be the sculptor, and subsequently gave him several sittings.
Sir Henry May was known to me intimately, both privately and officially from the commencement of his career as a Civil Servant of the Colony some 40 years ago. His progress was marked throughout by a consistent display of those great qualities of conscientiousness and of courage, which cause a man to stand out amongst his fellow men. He never faltered or swerved from the course which his experience and his duty pointed out as demanded by the interests committed to his care. Undeterred by criticism and undaunted by obstacles, he pressed unflinchingly forward to the end he had in view, an end he rarely failed to achieve. To an unrivalled experience of the needs and interests of the Colony, he added the natural genius of his race. He had the aptitude, given to few, of fastening on the keynote of any problem which confronted him; often when others could not see so wisely or so well.
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
SECOND "WELFARE"
CONCERT.

The second concert at Government House, organised by Lady Stubbs in aid of welfare work in London, takes place on Monday next at 9.15 p.m., when the following programme will be given:
1. Piano Solo—"Poeme erotique," "Melodie," "Berceuse," "A tes pieds," "Jour de nocces," "Souvenir" (Grieg)—Mr. Eric Rice.
2. Songs—"Sea Fever" (John Ireland); "Come, Friend" (Graham Peck); "Ballad-Monger" (Easthope Martin)—Mr. G. H. Piercy.
3. Violin Solo—"Meditation" (from Thais) Massenet, "Serenade" (Gabriel Pierné)—Mrs. Aubrey.
4. Songs—"The Shepherd's Song" (Elgar); "My heart and Lute" (Halfrdan Kjerulf); "On the Ling ho!" (Halfrdan Kjerulf)—Miss Millicent Nicholl.
5. Duets—"Life's Heyday" (Denza); ii. "Belle Nuit" (Tales of Hoffmann); Offenbach; iii. "It was a lover and his lass" (Walthew)—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Collett.
6. Piano Solo—"The Prophet-Bird" (Schumann); "Spasialio" (Liszt)—Mr. Eric Rice.

As a Governor, he made a mark which will be indelible from the Colony's history. In the sports and pastimes of the Colony, Sir Henry was ever a prominent figure. As a keen racing man, a yachtsman and a golfer, he affected all by his enthusiasm and no one better realised how play is an essential complement to work, and forms an integral part of our national life. His participation in our outdoor pastimes was highly appreciated and they never lacked his utmost support. And what of the man himself! Of utmost loyalty, of abounding humour, of open heart, his friendship, once acquired, was never lost. Adversity could not alienate it, nor difference destroy it. In sunshine or in trouble, it could be counted and drawn upon without exhaustion and without stint.
Your Excellency, this is the man whose statue has been erected by the Community as a mark of esteem, and to record their high appreciation of the eminent services which he rendered to the Empire and to Hongkong during his most honourable career as a servant of the Crown.
I have now the honour to ask Your Excellency to unveil this statue."

THE GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

H.E. the Governor, before the unveiling, made a short speech in which he eulogised the sterling qualities of the late Sir Henry May. Sir Reginald said that it was only fitting that the first statue of a Governor of this Colony, erected in Statue Square, should be that of Sir Henry May, who was the first cadet of the Hongkong service to become Governor of the Colony. Sir Paul, the speaker, had already reminded those present of the eminent services rendered by Sir Henry May not only to the Colony, but to the Empire. Sir Reginald regretted that his recollection of the late Governor only covered a period of 20 years. They had met but seldom, but had corresponded frequently on many subjects, whilst Sir Reginald was in the Colonial Office and Sir Henry Governor here. Sir Reginald continued: I still have among my papers a letter which I discovered only to-day, kindly congratulating me on my appointment to Ceylon, the post to which he himself was appointed, though he had never taken up the duties. The period which he spent in this Colony was one of wonderful development. He came here in 1883 and left in the year 1919. During that time the population of the Colony had more than quadrupled; its shipping had trebled and the public revenues had increased no less than fifteen times. It is a wonderful record of progress in one man's service. I think it is well-known to all of you who have been any length of time in the Colony that Sir Henry May had much to do with this development. He is a very fit and proper person to honour in this matter and on behalf of the Colony I have much pleasure in accepting this statue.
His Excellency then drew the cord holding the Union Jack in position over the monument.
As the flags were released, His Excellency and Sir Paul Chater saluted the statue and the guard presented arms.
An inspection of the statue followed and from the remarks dropped by the other residents present, it is quite evident that Sir Bertram Mackennal, K.C.V.O., A.R.A., the distinguished Australian sculptor, has produced a remarkable likeness of his subject.

NOTICE TO SHIPPIERS.
PASSENGERS.
COLLECTED DEPARTURE.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

WATOW.
May 5.—O.N. Yingchow.
6.—O.N. Takung.
7.—O.N. Kwangtung.
8.—O.N. Kwangtung.
9.—O.N. Kwangtung.
10.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
11.—D.L. Hailong.
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AMOI.

May 8.—D.L. Hailong.
10.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
11.—D.L. Hailong.

FOOCHOW.

May 8.—D.L. Hailong.
11.—D.L. Hailong.

TAKAO.

May 10.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.

SHANGHAI.

May 5.—O.N. Yingchow.
6.—O.N. Shantung.
7.—O.N. Takung.
8.—O.S.N. Kwangtung.
9.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru.
10.—P. & O. Gurna.
11.—P. & O. Sardinia.
12.—P. & O. Pres. Lincoln.
13.—P. & O. Grant.
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TSINGTAO.

May 5.—O.N. Shantung.

WEIHAWEI.

May 5.—O.N. Hailong.

PUKOW.

May 5.—O.N. Yingchow.

TIENTSIN.

May 5.—O.N. Hailong.
10.—O.S.N. Chipping.

CHEFOO.

May 5.—O.N. Euichow.

NEWCHWANG.

May 5.—O.N. Wuhu.
6.—O.N. Foochow.

KEELUNG.

May 10.—N.Y.K. Ivo Maru.
11.—T.K.K. Tono Maru.
12.—T.K.K. Koro Maru.
13.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.
14.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.

PAKHOI.

May 8.—O.N. Yunnan.

HAIPHONG.

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HOIHOW.

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YIBON.

May 6.—A.O.L. Doylestown.
7.—O.S.N. Takung.
8.—O.S.N. Kwangtung.
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SINGAPORE.

May 5.—P. & O. Sardinia.
6.—P. & O. Indo Maru.
7.—P. & O. Kilderporer.
8.—O.S.K. Celebes Maru.
9.—O.S.K. Koro Maru.
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16.—B. F. Trolas.
17.—B. F. Panama.
18.—B. F. Singapore.
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CHILIPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

May 5.—E. & A. St. Albans.
13.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison.
14.—P. M. Pres. Taft.
15.—U.S.S.B. Maru.
16.—T.K.K. Tono Maru.
17.—T.K.K. Koro Maru.
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SANDAKAN.

May 9.—O.S.N. Maung.
10.—O.S.N. Maung.

JAYA PORE, ETC.

May 8.—N.L. Werra.
10.—Vanyo Y.K. Maru.
11.—J.C.J.L. Tjilboat.
12.—T.K.K. Hayo Maru.
13.—J.C.J.L. Tjilboat.
14.—J.C.J.L. Tjilboat.
15.—Nanyo Y.K. Maru.
16.—T.K.K. Maru.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA.
Via Rangoon.
May 5.—O.S.K. Indo Maru.
6.—N.Y.K. Moji Maru.
7.—O.S.N. Namsang.
8.—O.S.N. Torilla.
9.—O.S.N. Hosing.
10.—O.S.N. Hosing.

PENANG.

May 31.—O.S.K. Sumatra Maru.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May 5.—P. & O. Sardinia.
6.—P. & O. Indo Maru.
7.—P. & O. Kilderporer.
8.—O.S.K. Celebes Maru.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

May 5.—E. & A. St. Albans.
16.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.
17.—A.O. Chenabha.
June 2.—E. & A. St. Albans.
30.—N.Y.K. Eastern.
July 7.—P. & O. Arara.
Aug. 4.—E. & A. St. Albans.

JAPAN PORTS.

May 6.—N.Y.K. Tsuruga Maru.
7.—E. & A. Gurna.
8.—E. & A. Eastern.
9.—N.Y.K. Koro Maru.
10.—P. M. Pres. Lincoln.
11.—O.S.N. Grant.
12.—J.C.J.L. Tjilboat.
13.—Nanyo Y.K. Bandoeng Maru.
14.—P. & O. Kilderporer.
15.—P. & O. Kilderporer.
16.—P. & O. Kilderporer.
17.—N.Y.K. Tono Maru.
18.—O.S.N. Indo Maru.
19.—O.S.N. Kwangtung.
20.—P. & O. Sardinia.
21.—O.S.K. Koro Maru.
22.—N.Y.K. Penang Maru.
23.—T.K.K. Tono Maru.
24.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison.
25.—P. M. Pres. Taft.
26.—O.S.K. Koro Maru.
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BANGKOK.

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Dr. Mabel Elliott is in charge of the Near East Relief Medical Station, on the Island of Macrinissi, Greece, where 10,000 refugees from Asia Minor are handled in one day. Dr. Elliott recently received the Greek War Cross for her work among the Greek refugees. Two native Greek assistant nurses are shown with her.



The crew of the United States destroyer "Edsell," now stationed at Smyrna, has adopted 100 orphan children in Constantinople. Money for their care is given from the sailors' meagre pay, and the children at present are at an orphan camp, Dolma Bagtche, in Constantinople, under the care of Mrs. Mark Bristol, wife of the American Admiral in Turkish waters. The photograph shows some of the children in care of one of their official guardians.



According to last week's cables, Sacco has been certified insane. He was convicted with Vanzetti, of the murder of a paymaster in a \$15,000 hold-up in Massachusetts. Following the conviction there were international complications, Socialists in Europe staging riots and attacking American embassies, asserting the men were convicted, not for the murder, but because they were communists. Pending a new trial, Sacco went on a hunger-strike.



Veteran statesman shown bidding farewell to the scenes of his labours. "For good" he says.



Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.

Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, who was defeated in the Mitcham by-election by a Labour candidate has resigned from the Bonar Law Government.



Maharajah Geckwar.

His Highness Maharajah Geckwar of Baroda is probably the richest of the native Indian princes. The Prince, a noted authority on Indian affairs, is a loyal British subject and gave millions to the Empire in the war.

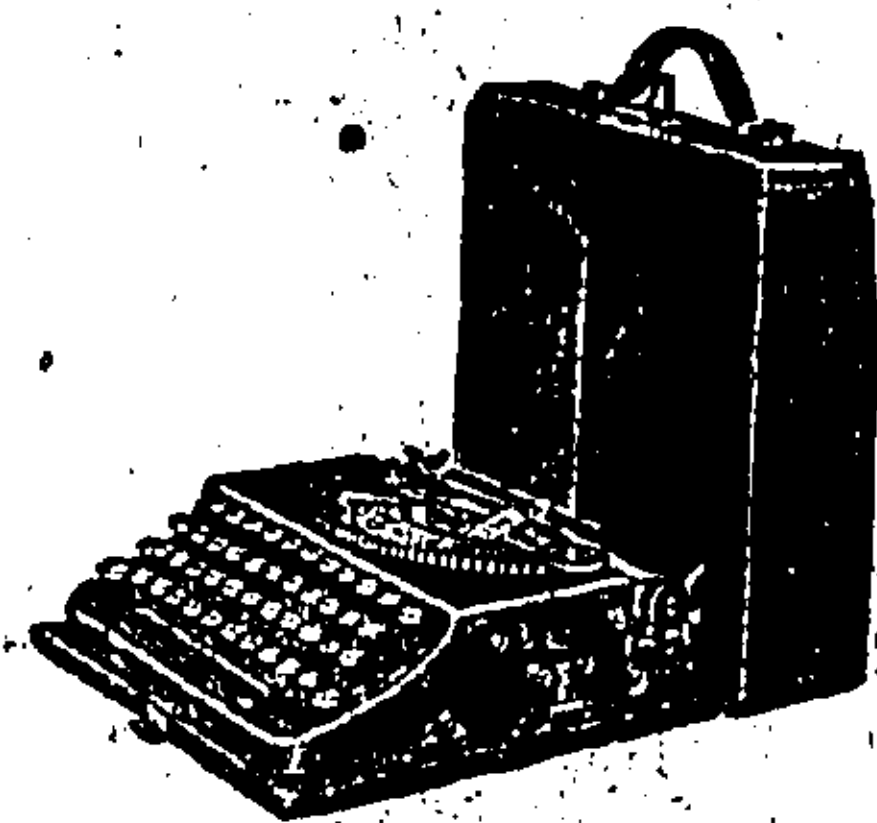


The Hon. Mr. E. H. Armstrong.

The Hon. Mr. E. H. Armstrong has been chosen Premier of Nova Scotia succeeding the Hon. Mr. G. H. Murray, who resigned because of ill health, after 37 years of continuous service.



His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, is shown seated on the papal throne in the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican, during the impressive ceremonies which marked the first anniversary of his succession. The high mass was sung by Cardinal Bozano.



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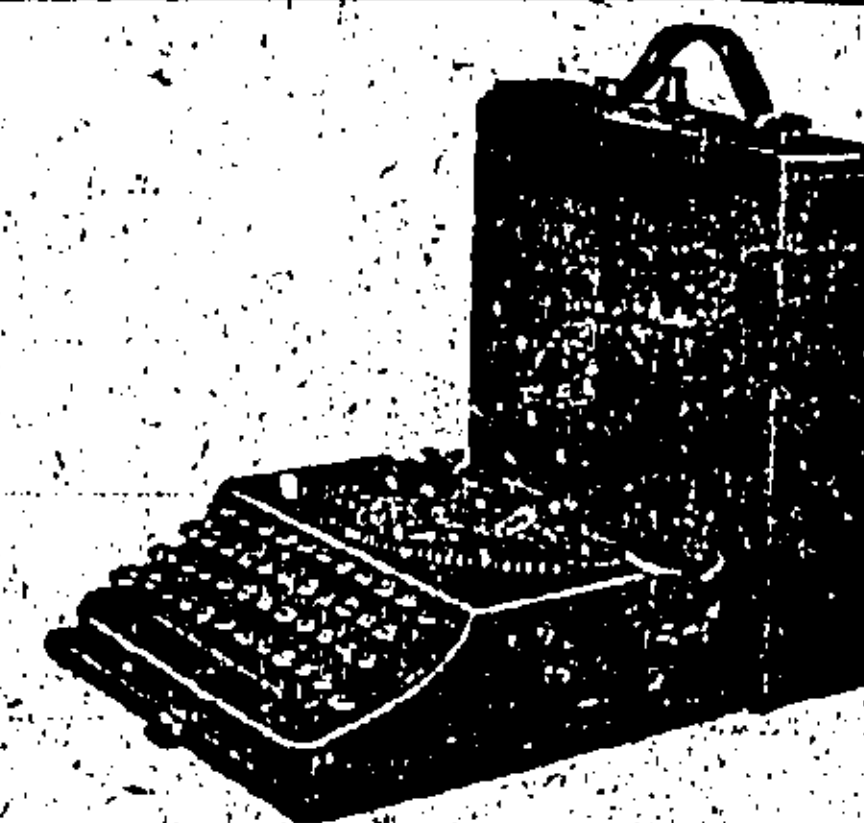
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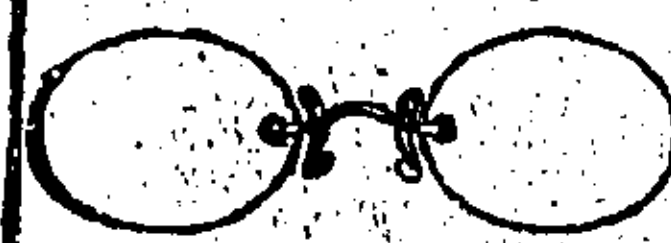
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